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1. North of the Czech customs house on the main highway from Vienna to Bratislava is a meadow known as Weischselboden or Poetschensky grove. North-northeast of the hunting lodge in this area there is a peninsula in the Danube with a small cove on the west side. A large camp is located on the peninsula. Five barracks could be seen on the Danube side; they are light-brown in color and appear to be well kept up.

2. At about 1100 on 7 April 1953 soldiers were observed undergoing training with pontoons in the cove. A small group, apparently instructors, stood on the shore while 10 or 12 men rowed a pontoon and made practice landings. Some of the men in the boat were dressed in uniforms, others in light gray fatigues. On the south shore of the peninsula, three pontoons landed and the soldiers disembarked, lined up in formation and returned to their barracks. These soldiers were also wearing various types of clothing.

3. On the west side of the peninsula near the cove a repair shop, with a small dockyard for repairing boats, skiffs and pontoons, was observed. Soldiers were seen here repairing boats.

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